

MINUTES
OF THE
*Walthall County
Baptist Association*



HELD WITH
UNION CHURCH, OCT. 3, 1924

REV. A. F. DAVIS, Tylertown, Miss., Moderator
REV. D. N. BEARD, Tylertown, Miss., Clerk

Next Meeting—Tylertown Church, Friday before 1st
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Tylertown, Miss., Oct. 3, 1924.

The Walthall County Baptist Association met with the Union Baptist Church this day at 10 o'clock A. M.

Song service was conducted by J. D. Thornhill.

The body was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. A. F. Davis. Devotion by Rev. C. T. Corkern.

By motion the reading of the letters from the churches be dispensed with, and by motion the delegates were seated.

Committee on Digest of Letters—Fred Fortenberry, B. F. Ellzey and W. J. O'Quin.

Committee on Finance—L. L. Stringer, Tom Pigott.

The roll of churches was called and responded to as follows:

Centerville—J. R. Smith, P. C. Dillon, R. S. Ginn, Watson Brock.

Crystal Springs—T. A. Pigott, Otis Magee, Mrs. J. D. Pittman, Miss Uuida Pigott.

Enon—Mr. and Mrs. Joda Prescott, Jeff Boyd, C. C. Dunaway, B. F. Cothern, Rev. J. A. Greene.

Knoxo—F. M. Fortenberry, H. F. Fortenberry, Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Conerly, Mrs. W. I. Pigott, W. R. Brumfield.

Magee's Creek—Mr. and Mrs. Maxie Walters, J. D. Thornhill, Rev. D. N. Beard, W. C. Bennett.

Mesa—Wilbur Johnson, Victor Johnson, Hughy Breeland, Archie Rushing, W. J. O'Quin.

New Zion—B. M. Pittman, Marcus Pigott, J. R. Regan, Sermon Stogner, Rev. C. T. Corkern.

Salem—B. F. Ellzey, Z. C. Rushing, Mrs. Z. C. Rushing, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McKenzie.

Smyrna—Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Fortenberry, L. L. Stringer, D. Z. Magee, G. T. Pigott, Mrs. C. E. Owen.

Tylertown—J. C. Rimes, J. D. Holmes, Albert Brumfield, C. W. Henson, Mrs. W. A. Hinson, Mrs. L. S. Quin, Mrs. D. M. Ginn, B. N. Payne, Mrs. T. T. Conerly, Mrs. W. A. Roper, Revs. A. F. Davis and W. A. Roper.

Union—W. T. Brumfield, B. F. Brumfield, J. H. Harvey, J. H. Martin, W. F. Martin, Tom Breeland, P. H. Sandifer.

Petitionary Letters were called for. Lexie—a newly organized church—asked for admission, which was received and their delegates welcomed and seated by the Moderator. Lexie—Delegates—Mrs. J. B. Hemphill, Mrs. B. B. Holmes and Kinza Johnson.

The Association went into permanent organization, which resulted in the re-election of: Rev. A. F. Davis, Moderator, Tylertown;

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Rev. D. N. Beard, Clerk, Tylertown; Brother J. D. Thornhill, Treasurer, Tylertown.

The Moderator welcomed visitors to seats with us: Brethren H. B. Price, district enlistment work and messenger from Pike County Association; D. M. Nelson and J. B. Quin, Jefferson Davis County Association; Brother and Sister I. L. Toler, Amite County.

Partial report on program, by W. A. Roper, adopted; report on missions, Friday 11 o'clock; ladies' work afternoon; sermon Saturday 11:30 A. M.

Report on Missions was read by W. A. Roper. Pending its adoption was spoken to by D. M. Nelson, H. B. Price and J. B. Quin. Adopted.

REPORT ON FOREIGN, HOME, AND STATE MISSIONS

Missions is but another name for our efforts to evangelize the world and teach the evangelized to do what God has commanded. It is the work to which our Lord gave his life's services and for which he died. It is the heart of the gospel and the embodiment of the great commission which constitutes the marching orders of the church and were the farewell words of our risen Lord.

For the sake of convenience we have divided the work into foreign, home, and state missions, but let us never forget that missions is one, that Christ died for men everywhere.

Foreign Missions

The past year has been one of great anxiety, earnest effort, and larger fruitfulness. The debt of one and a half million dollars was reduced to \$711,611.95. This reduction, however, was not made possible by increased contributions so much as by retrenchment in our work, every call for equipment on all our fields was denied, the most rigid economy practiced.

The receipts from the 75 Million Campaign should have been more than three million dollars but were less than two million, delayed payments even in these made a large interest account necessary.

But while we at home were in a large measure unfaithful to our promises the missionaries on the front stood faithfully by the post of duty, made heroic sacrifices and the Lord failed not in his blessings.

We report 544 missionaries, 2,494 native workers, 1,095 churches, 111,872 church members, 308 self-supporting churches, 12,856 baptisms, \$444,568 contributed on the foreign fields. We have, also, 1,511 Sunday Schools, with 76,504 pupils, 860 day schools with 35,106 stu-

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dents. In addition to these our hospitals and seminaries are doing a wonderful work ministering to the suffering and training the called of God for greater efficiency in the work.

Home Missions

This department of our work has also been greatly handicapped by inadequate support and burdened by an enormous debt. The debt has been reduced some during the year by drastic retrenchments in our operations.

Throughout the year the blessings of our God have been upon our work in a remarkable degree, thousands have been brought to Christ and added to our churches, many have been enlisted for the Master to a degree that augers for larger and more rapid growth in the near future.

In every department of the board's work there is need for enlargement. Yet unoccupied fields are calling loudly for our help.

Our program includes Co-operative Missions, Evangelism and Enlistment, Mountain Mission Schools, work among Foreigners, Indians, Negroes, Jews, Deaf Mutes, Soldiers, Seamen, and Marines. This board has also the work in Cuba and Panama and the Church Building and Loan Fund.

In each of these departments God has signally blessed our efforts and from each comes the call for re-enforcements.

We are face to face with the alternative of increasing our contributions to Home and Foreign Missions or calling home many of our missionaries.

State Missions

The work in Mississippi has had a marvelous growth since the 75 Million Campaign was put on. We have gained more than forty churches, 15,000 members, 238 Sunday Schools, 21,000 students, 94 women's societies, we have baptized more than 52,000 persons.

Our contributions to the Campaign have been \$2,785,590.68. We are still due on our pledges \$714,409.32.

Much depends upon the payment of these pledges. It would greatly hearten the brotherhood for the future campaign, would free our boards of all indebtedness, and make it possible for us to strengthen and greatly enlarge the work.

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While our state board has kept its appropriations within its resources and has reported no debt any year of the Campaign the work in our state needs to be set forward in a large way, especially our schools need immediate enlargement, better equipment, and adequate endowment.

December will close the five years of the 75 Million Campaign. With January we begin our new annual program. Mississippi has adopted \$700,000 as her part for 1925, one half to be used within the state and the other half distributed among our Southwide objects. The pledges for our 1925 quota are asked to be taken November 30-December 7, 1924.

Let us finish the Campaign in a glorious victory and set out hearts to the new program in a Christly spirit.

W. A. ROPER.

The Moderator welcomed Rev. J. A. Greene. Adjourned for refreshments. Reassembled and sang song No. 127, Harvest Hymns.

Devotion by Brother J. A. Greene.

WOMEN'S WORK

Report on Woman's Work was read by Mrs. W. A. Roper. Pending adoption was spoken to by Sister I. L. Toler.

A continuation report was read by Mrs. L. S. Quin. Discussion continued by Mrs. C. T. Corkern, Mrs. W. A. Roper, Brother W. A. Roper, B. M. Pittman, C. T. Corkern and D. N. Beard. Adopted.

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK

The Woman's Missionary Union is composed of women and young people of the churches of the Southern Baptist Convention who are organized into societies of various grades.

As the years come and go the Union has adopted certain aims for the development of the members by distributing information and securing co-operation of women and young people for collecting and raising money for missions.

The aims are, Individual and United Prayer, Bible Study, Soul Winning, Enlistment, Mission Study, Organized Personal Service, Systematic and Proportionate Giving.

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Walthall County W. M. U. desires to express its gratitude to our Heavenly Father for his blessings upon us during the year. We have grown in numbers and interest in the work as evidenced by the attendance at our quarterly rallies where Missionary, Educational and Inspirational programs were greatly enjoyed.

The prayer life, personal service and tithing have had a prominent place in the year's programs. The special seasons of prayer were never so generally observed and we have been signally blessed spiritually.

Our White Cross box was filled to overflowing, almost double in value than of last year.

We now have a W. M. S. in every church in the Association, the spirit was never better. We are praying and planning that within the next associational year we may have one or more auxiliaries in each church.

MRS. W. A. ROPER.

REPORT OF SECRETARY

Our annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society met with Magee's Creek Church in October of last year. The work was divided into zones—north and south. Enon, Magee's Creek, Smyrna, Union and Salem are in the north zone, with Mrs. J. C. Boyd, chairman. Mesa, Centerville, New Zion, Crystal Springs and Knoxo are in the southern zone, with Mrs. J. D. Pittman, chairman. Tylertown being in the center works in both zones.

The following officers are serving for the year: Mrs. W. A. Roper, Superintendent; Mrs. J. C. Rimes, Secretary; Mrs. D. M. Ginn, Treasurer; Mrs. H. A. Scott, Mission Study Leader; Mrs. D. N. Beard, Personal Service Leader; Mrs. L. S. Quin, Young People's Leader.

Had four meetings in each zone during the year. The following subjects were discussed at these meetings:

1. Stewardship.
2. The relation of the church to the community and the world.
3. Making missions real.
4. Spiritual needs.
5. Medical missions.

The Auxiliaries assisted in these programs. Brothers H. B. Price and J. E. Byrd were on program at two of the meetings.

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Our attendance has doubled since we have the two zones. A free will offering is taken at each meeting. \$3.00 was paid out of treasury on Brother Byrd's expenses. We have done better work this year than any since we have been organized.

MRS. J. C. RIMES.

"Be ye transformed by the renewing of your minds". A transformation of the mind comes to the Christian from mission study, then comes the vision, opening the windows of the soul where before it had been as a closed house, dim, musty and self-centered. God is revealed to us through the lives of others. We must see before we can serve our best. Vision makes character. There must be a real desire for vision, and the Lord of Hosts will reveal Himself to us if we will fulfill the simple conditions.

In the S. B. C. during the year 97,738 seals were awarded. In Mississippi 9,900, and 1,896 certificates. In Walthall Association, 145 seals, 53 certificates.

Mission study will dispel ignorance, remove prejudice, arouse interest and stimulate prayer. It also develops many delightful surprises and enables us to link ourselves with the inspiring victories which our Lord is gaining in the world today.

MRS. H. A. SCOTT.

YOUNG PEOPLE

For the future of Kingdom work and for the Christian development of our young people today, it is of utmost importance that we maintain and develop W. M. U. organizations for our young people.

Trained workers are being sought in all lines of Christian activity, therefore it is very important to start with the child and train them early. It not only trains them for service, but it teaches them to give systematically the things that belong to God. "A little child shall lead them". Who knows which child that shall be? We only have six societies organized, with various auxiliaries. When we go up to the next district meeting we want to go with every W. M. U. organized with all the auxiliaries.

MRS. L. S. QUIN.

The Moderator appointed committees on:

Nominations—Daniel Smith, W. J. O'Quin, C. L. Fortenberry.

Resolutions—E. C. Bennett, Felder Fortenberry, Z. C. Rushing.

Obituary—G. T. Pigott, D. Z. Magee, Richard Regan.

Adjourned to meet Saturday at 9 o'clock A. M.

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SATURDAY—Morning Session

Met as per adjournment. Song service.

Devotion by B. M. Pittman.

Moderator called body to order.

W. A. Roper read report of Order of Business, which was adopted.

By resolution the delegates made pledge for defraying expense of delegate to S. B. C.

Arranged correspondence.

Pike County Association—W. A. Roper, A. F. Davis.

By motion by W. A. Roper and seconded by J. D. Thornhill, that any member of this body visiting any like body be and is hereby commissioned as a representative from our body.

Baptist State Convention—D. N. Beard, J. D. Thornhill, C. T. Corkern, A. F. Davis.

Report on Orphanage was read by B. M. Pittman. Pending adoption was spoken to by C. T. Corkern, A. F. Davis, B. M. Pittman, J. D. Thornhill, D. N. Beard, W. A. Roper. Adopted.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE

Orphanage work is as old as Christianity. One characteristic in the life of our Lord was his disposition to care for the widow and orphan. The Holy Spirit gave it as one of the evidences of pure and undefiled religion, that its professor visit the fatherless and the widow in their affliction.

So the duty of caring for helpless orphan children need not be questioned. Our Baptist Orphan Home located at Jackson, Miss., is giving all the children the advantage of six to eight months schooling each year and are training them to all manner of useful work. Many boys and girls have gone out from this Home into life for themselves and are making good in the callings of life.

So we commend most heartily the work that is being done for our orphan children and urge that our Sunday Schools and churches contribute more liberally to their support, remembering that Jesus said Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of these my children ye did it unto me, and as God has blessed us so may we be a blessing to the orphan children by giving of our means.

E. H. FORTINBERY.

Report on Baptist Hospital was read by W. A. Roper. Pending adoption was spoken to by W. A. Roper, J. A. Greene. Adopted.

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BAPTIST HOSPITAL

A few years ago the Catholics had a monopoly of the denominational hospitals in the South. Finally other denominations began to wake us to a realization of the lost opportunity. Now the Baptists seem to be leading all others in hospital activity, having one or more hospitals in every Southern state.

There are three hospitals in which Mississippi Baptists are especially interested—The Baptist Hospital at Jackson, property of the Baptist State Convention; The Tri-State Hospital of Memphis, property of the Baptists of Tennessee, Arkansas and Mississippi; and the proposed hospital for New Orleans. The city of New Orleans has donated the location, consisting of two squares in a desirable part of the city, and the Southern Baptist Convention is pledged to spend at least two million dollars (\$2,000,000) in building and equipping a modern hospital, surpassing anything New Orleans has ever had in the way of a hospital.

During the past 12 months 1,846 patients have been treated in the Jackson Hospital; of this number 234 were treated free, and 87 part pay. During the past 12 months this hospital has been placed on the list of standard hospitals, which means it is equipped with all modern requirements.

There is a nurses' training school in connection with the hospital. About 30 student nurses are in training all the time. Offers a splendid opportunity for deserving young women who desire to prepare themselves for service.

The Tri-State Hospital during the first six months of 1924 admitted 5,941 patients. Tennessee furnished 4,100; Mississippi 919; Arkansas 606, and other states 316.

There were 266 births in the hospital in six months.

The cost of operating the hospital amounted to \$191,245.55 for six months. Of this amount \$63,126.96 was expended on charity.

They graduated 35 nurses in the training school this year.

The field of usefulness for these hospitals is constantly widening and they are endeavoring to measure up to their opportunities.

DR. B. L. CRAWFORD.

Report on Christian Education was read by C. I. Brumfield. Pending adoption, was spoken to by C. I. Brumfield, W. A. Roper, J. A. Greene. Adopted.

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

We have made such marvelous progress during the past few years in education that many of us are prone to neglect our duties along this line, feeling that the state and counties will take care of the situation. But when we look over the field to view our achievements, we are permitted also to see our great and dire need.

In the popular mind the aim of education is usually interpreted in terms of knowledge, or the ability to make a living. Our state and nation have long since recognized the increased productive ability of the educated individual and to that end are spending great sums of money to develop boys and girls in vocational endeavor. This is well and good but in this development there is danger that the individual being educated forgets his relation to society and decides that his training is for self aggrandizement.

Now the true Christian Education is that broad training which would equip the individual so trained to fill his proper place in society, that is that he may function to the very best advantage in both civic and church affairs. Some would term it social efficiency.

Many years ago some of our far sighted brethren, long since called to their reward, recognizing the great need of this special kind of training, founded in 1826, Mississippi College, which has been such a great factor in developing our church and state. In 1850 it came under Baptist control. The history of the old college is a glorious one. It has produced leaders in the various walks of life—great doctors, lawyers, congressmen, governors and statesmen, as well as great preachers. In fact, you will find Mississippi College men, among the leaders in almost every hamlet, town or city in the state. Eighty-five per cent of our choicest young men and young women were in last year's graduating class. The total enrollment for last session was 522. Eight of these during the past session answered the call to preach.

Mississippi College is a member of Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, thus giving her a standing with other colleges and universities not hitherto enjoyed.

There are six College B. Y. P. U.'s, giving the young people the very best opportunity for developing for the Master's work.

Last session \$15,000 was spent for general improvements. The college needs an administration building and her endowment increased to \$1,000,000.00.

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Twelve years ago the leading Baptists of the state realized that they were not giving the girls an even chance with the boys in training them for their life work and to that end the Mississippi Woman's College was founded. Two wooden buildings and a faculty of eight made up the equipment and working force. Today faculty numbers 35 and the campus covers 40 acres. Last December the Woman's College was placed on the second list of schools and colleges, thus giving the graduates the privilege of teaching in any of the high schools of the country.

The home life of the Woman's College community is charming. Board and literary tuition in fire proof dormitories, two students in a room with adjoining bath is \$320.00. Board and literary tuition in Dockery Hall, industrial plan is \$206.00. The college is in sad need of an endowment of \$500,000 that the present plans may be carried out and hold her prestige among the colleges.

What is said of the Woman's College may also be said of Blue Mountain College, which is doing such a noble work for the girls of our beloved state, but the college is also in need of a half million dollar endowment and an administration building.

Clarke College is our co-educational junior college. Four years of accredited high school work and two years of college work are offered. A splendid course is also offered in Bible. A new \$50,000.00 fire-proof structure is now going up to replace the old administration building recently lost by fire. Clarke College also needs an endowment of not less than \$250,000.

We cannot afford to overlook the great work of the Baptist Bible Institute at New Orleans, which gives a full theological education. This institute has wrought a miracle in New Orleans, but it is in great need of funds, having no income except from the 75 Million Campaign. If Campaign pledges are not met and special gifts made, it will face a large deficit and be greatly handicapped in carrying on the great work it is doing for New Orleans and the whole state of Louisiana.

In discussing Christian Education we must not forget our young preachers, who are making such great sacrifices that they may be better equipped for the Master's work. We must rally to their support while they are struggling along on a mere pittance in comparison with what we are spending for pleasure and personal enjoyment. We must come to their rescue liberally.

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You will please note that the great need of the young preachers and all of our institutions is money to carry on their noble work and make them 100% efficient. The only way to provide these funds is for each of us to contribute as the Lord has prospered us. Should each Baptist in the state do this, our young preachers would not be in want and our schools would all have plenty of funds and would function in a way that would bring joy to the heart of every Baptist and our state would be elevated upon a higher plane.

C. I. BRUMFIELD.

Association sermon preached by Rev. J. A. Greene.

Adjourned for refreshments.

SATURDAY—Evening Session

Song service. Devotion by C. T. Corkern.

Report on Publication was read by D. N. Beard. Pending adoption was spoken to by B. M. Pittman, W. A. Roper, D. N. Beard, J. D. Thornhill. J. A. Greene. Adopted.

PUBLICATIONS

We owe much to the press. It is a source from which we glean information on the cases that confront us. Of the many thousands of copies of various literature with which our country is overflowing, not every one is a safe guide for our people to follow.

It is our duty to look to the spiritual training of our youth. It has been said that our young people are often misled by reading improper literature. It is regrettable that we do not find more religious literature in many of our homes.

Look for clean, wholesome literature. A number of which may be obtained through the S. B. C. containing matter of a special interest and development of the minds of the youths.

Your committee would suggest that every Baptist parent make a survey of the S. B. C. publications and procure some of this literature. Have it visit your home regularly, remembering that the morning of life is the greatest time to train men and women for future responsibilities.

Submitted,

D. N. BEARD.

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Report on Nominations was read by W. J. O'Quin. Adopted.

The next meeting of the Association, to be held beginning on Friday before the 1st Sunday in October, 1925, with the Tylertown Baptist Church.

Associational sermon to be preached by Rev. V. C. Walker, with Rev. C. T. Corkern alternate.

Mrs. W. A. Roper, Tylertown, as vice-president of W. M. U. work, with Mrs. H. A. Scott, alternate.

Rev. V. C. Walker as delegate to S. B. C.

Report of Treasurer (J. D. Thornhill) read and received:

RECEIPTS	
Minute fund	\$ 59.00
Delegate ex. to S. B. C.	64.80
Brought forward from last report	47.75
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Printing Minutes	\$ 79.50
Delegate to S. B. C.	64.80
Paid Clerk	15.00
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Balance on hand	\$159.30
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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Received from the churches for Association \$71.25

L. L. STRINGER,
T. A. PIGOTT.

Committee on Obituaries reported as follows:

During the associational year God in His divine Providence has seen fit to call to the heavenly home 24 of our members. We feel that our loss is their eternal gain, and that God's call will surely come to all of us some day. Straight is the gate and narrow is the way. Deaths are as follows:

Centerville—Brother J. W. Simmons, Sister Carrie Lee.

Crystal Springs—Rev. T. B. Fortenberry, Brothers H. P. Pittman, Charles Rotten, Sisters Zelia Stringer, Ruby Stringer, and William Pigott.

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Enon—Brothers W. J. O'Quin, D. A. Wallace, Claude Cothern,
Sisters Cora Rosenberry, Annie Roberts.

Magee's Creek—Brother T. G. Kemp.

Salem—Brother C. D. Beard.

Smyrna—Sisters Lydia Magee, Ellen Wingo.

Tylertown—Sisters H. L. Meadows, D. M. McSlron.

New Zion—Brother Lemmie Fortenberry, Sister Susan Blackwell.

Union—Brother J. F. Owen, Sisters Ellen Magee and William Rushing.

Report of Committee on Resolutions:

Resolved, that the Clerk be authorized to have a sufficient number of minutes printed to supply the churches, and that he be authorized to draw on Treasurer for amount sufficient to pay for same, and that he be allowed \$15.00 for his services.

That the Association extend its heartfelt thanks to Union Church and community for the splendid hospitality given the Association while convened here.

Report on Ministerial Relief was read by O. D. Simmons. Pending adoption, was spoken to by W. A. Roper. Adopted.

AGED MINISTERS' RELIEF

The Relief and Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention has had a little more than five years of actual functioning. In the meantime, it has paid to its old and retired preachers \$538,944.96. The Board paid out during the past year, to its 1,010 relief beneficiaries the sum of \$125,449.60, which is \$12,000.00 more than was paid them last year.

The first great need of the Board is an interest bearing fund that will yield on the relief side of the work about \$100,000.00 annually, independently of what would be derived from the annual budget.

A fund of this sort would enable us to at least approximate something in the way of adequate aid for our retired preachers.

Southern Baptists should deal with the Relief and Annuity Board in the most liberal manner possible, and should see that a program is provided by which it can go on and accumulate a substantial interest bearing fund.

We have reached a point in ministerial relief work, when our slogan should be: **A pension for every disabled Baptist minister, and a full share of the cost from every Baptist church.** It is so easy for us to forget the part that the minister plays in our lives. If we could keep that before us constantly and in mind, it would not be difficult for us to do what we should do in this great matter.

J. H. RIMES.

Adjourned to meet 9:45 A. M. Sunday.

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SUNDAY—Morning Session

Met as per adjournment.

Song service and devotion by Rev. A. F. Davis.

Report on Prohibition was read by T. B. Cleveland. Pending adoption was spoken to by T. B. Cleveland, and by motion report was adopted.

REPORT ON PROHIBITION

All great victories are won by each individual soldier doing his best individually and in conjunction with others. All great business organizations have a small beginning and grow as each person in its employment does their best. There may be times in each when failure seems to be near and there is a tendency to give up, but courage means success.

Prohibition, the movement to prevent the manufacture and sale of alcoholic drinks, comes under the same principles as that of the army and business mentioned above. It had a small beginning and has just gradually been growing for a long time. It was conceived in the minds of just a few men and has just gradually had others added to its forces all along. It was advocated many years before any state laws were made to limit or outlaw alcoholic drinks in any manner. State by state began to draw their laws tighter and the movement became so strong that our nation passed stringent laws. But now the same proposition comes right back to us as we are called upon to enforce the laws and it is here that we are Baptists of Walthall County have our part.

We are glad to report to you that it is our belief that within our own county there has been more real improvement made within the last twelve months than within any year in our history. We see less of men being intoxicated and less of suspicion that illicit manufacture is going on than at any period since our national law was made. We are glad to report to you that there seems to be the feeling that our county officers are on the job and are really doing their best to enforce the law. There has been a time when it was generally believed that certain men carried loads of "white lightning" to town on Saturday evenings and this seems to have been cut off to a certain extent. "Blind tigers" have better eyes and see more and are a bit more shy, men have more respect for the law.

With this report of improvement also comes the warning to keep harder on the job. National men, men that should know better are yet advocating that prohibition is a failure, or that the principles of

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it are wrong. These men soon fall by the wayside and are heard of no more. We cannot point to them as great men and we do not cherish their memories. We must discard the leadership of any man that is not upright on prohibition, we need to look out in our own churches and place in the background any man that will not take a strong stand on it. If the Baptists of this Association will say that the law must be enforced it will be, or even if the Baptists of this county will just stop making, selling and drinking "white lightning" the others will be so few that they will hardly be noticeable, or still further if the Baptists of this county wil quit "winking" at and begin to report violations of this law there will be more improvement.

Success is ahead we are assured, let us not wane in the fight.

Respectfully submitted,

T. B. CLEVELAND, Chairman.

By motion by W. A. Roper and seconded by T. B. Cleveland, that at the next Association we have report on Law Enforcement in place of Prohibition. Carried.

By motion the Moderator be (and is hereby) empowered to appoint chairmen to write reports for next meeting.

By motion of W. A. Roper, that an Executive Committee be elected—one member from each church—to look after business of the Association, whlie not convened.

Report on Sunday Schools was read by H. A. Scott. Also report on B. Y. P. U. Pending adoption of each report, was spoken to as follows: B. Y. P. U., H. A. Scott, Miss Ouida Pigott; Sunday Schools, W. J. O'Quin, J. C. Rimes, Arthur Alford, B. M. Pittman, W. A. Roper, A. F. Davis. Adopted.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The teaching of the word of God is the business of the Sunday School. When the Bible is correctly taught there is no doubt about results. The lost will be brought to a saving knowledge and the saved will be taught how to serve, which is the business of every Christian. There are several things to be considered in order to accomplish these ends: There must be field workers, which we have just chosen two, namely, Mr. Hunter and Mr. Spell, both graduates of Mississippi College and are deep consecrated men. There must be organization, for no school can do satisfactory work without being well organized with the best officers to be had, who should be wide awake, sparing no time nor means to make their school the best.

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A Sunday School would do very little without teachers, and their shou'd be trained, for how can we teach that we do not know? The great command was: make disciples and teach them. Each church should not neglect to have every year a Teachers' Training School, and then send the officers and teachers to the Sunday School Convention and other assemblies where inspiration is acquired from these trained workers, who are under the supervision of the Sunday School Board, directed by the Sunday School Secretary.

There should be no efforts spared to go about bringing to the school every one possib'e and do this feeling the responsibility.

There should be a report from every Sunday School sent to the Association giving all the information needed in the report, then have a table printed in the minutes giving all the Sunday School statistics, tabulating this information given in the associational letter.

B. B. HOLMES.

B. Y. P. U. REPORT

As we review some of the accomplishments during the past twelve months of our B. Y. P. U. Department, under the leadership of our most efficient State Secretary, Brother Auber J. Wilds, our hearts are made to rejoice.

The total number of our unions has grown from 700 to 957 since the first of last November. We have 198 Junior Unions, 188 Intermediate Unions, and 571 Senior Unions. Efforts are being put forth to reach the 1,000 mark by November 1st this year.

It is indeed gratifying to see that 4,000 awards have been issued for Study Course Books in the last eleven months. This is putting into practice our motto "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth". The results of this Study Course means more "KNOWLEDGE", more "INTEREST", more "SERVICE" and more "JOY" among our young people.

Under the leadership of Miss Sallie Payne Morgan, our Intermediate and Junior State Leader, these two departments are doing wonderful work among the boys and girls of these ages. For some to assist our leaders in their weekly meeting, and beginning with time we have had an Intermediate B. Y. P. U. Leader's Quarterly October this year, we have added a Junior Leader's Quarterly, which will greatly help our Junior Leaders.

It is the duty of every Christian to pray God's blessings on this department of our church.

Respectfully,

H. A. SCOTT.

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Report on Digest of Letters was read by F. M. Fortenberry and received.

Sunday sermon was preached by Rev. V. C. Walker.

Final adjournment to meet with Tylertown Baptist Church, Friday before 1st Sunday in October, 1925.

REV. A. F. DAVIS, Moderator.
REV. D. N. BEARD, Clerk.

SPECIAL DIGEST FROM TABULATIONS

DIRECTORY DEPARTMENT

All the churches held revivals, 149 baptisms. All churches observe Lord's Supper. Magee's Creek, Tylertown, and Union report state Baptist paper, 2, 134, 5, respectively. Tylertown church house is of brick, with 14 rooms; all other church houses are of wood, 1 room. Mesa reports having no church house. Tylertown reports having pastor's home valued at \$1,800.00; their total property value is \$17,550.00, with \$5,000.00 insurance carried.

Centerville property value \$1,500.00; Crystal Springs \$1,600.00; Enon \$2,000.00; Knoxo \$2,000.00, with insurance of \$2,000.00; Magee's Creek \$2,000.00; New Zion \$3,000.00; Salem \$1,500.00; Smyrna \$2,000.00; Union \$800.00.

There is no indebtedness reported on houses. Total valuation of church houses and grounds \$42,150.00. Total pastor's home \$1,800.00. Total insurance carried \$7,000.00.

Total present membership 2,749, showing a gain of 11 over last year. This does not include Lexie (new church), which will make a larger membership than is here given.

LOCAL CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS DEPARTMENT

Enon, Home Missions \$19.24, Tylertown \$600.00; Enon, State Missions \$26.56, New Zion \$28.00, Tylortown \$150.00; New Zion, Associational Missions \$7.00, Salem \$5.00; Tylertown to Foreign Relief \$251.25.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Crystal Springs reports graded school, 2 teachers holding diplomas and seals; Magee's Creek, graded, 3 diplomas; New Zion, graded, 9 diplomas, 5 seals; Salem, with 5 diplomas, 3 seals; Tylertown, with 50% of teachers holding diplomas, 30% seals.

All schools report baptisms from school except Smyrna. Knoxo, Mesa, Centerville, Union report contributions to home expenses; Magee's Creek, New Zion, Salem and Tylertown report contributions to home expenses, education, benevolence and missions.

WOMAN'S WORK DEPARTMENT

All the churches report woman's organizations. Salem with Y. W. A., G. A., S. B.; Crystal Springs, Smyrna and Tylertown also report S. B.'s. Mission Study Classes: Crystal Springs 1, with enrollment of 12, with 6 seals received, 1 society doing White Cross work, 14 articles to needy, 8 subscriptions to Royal Service; New Zion, 1 study class of 13, 6 seals, 1 society doing White Cross work; Salem, 1 study class of 26, with 31 seals and 1 society doing White Cross work, 89 articles to needy, 5 subscriptions to Royal Service; Tylertown, 10 study classes, enrollment 65, with 67 seals received, 2 societies doing White Cross work, 30 articles furnished needy, 30 subscriptions to Royal Service.

B. Y. P. U. DEPARTMENT

Centerville, Senior, 18 enrolled, with Mrs. R. S. Ginn, Tylertown, as President; Junior, 18 enrolled, with Genevieve Smith, Lexie; 18 Bible reading, 18 systematic giving. Crystal Springs, Senior, 26 enrolled; E. R. Izard, President; Intermediates, 36; Odeal Branch; 35 Bible reading courses, 23 taking work in study course book. Enon, Senior, 40 enrolled; Carl Wallace, President. New Zion, Senior, 30 enrolled, with Tillie Belle Magee, President; Junior, Jessie Era Fortenberry, President. Salem, 19 Seniors enrolled, 21 Intermediate; 21 taking Bible readers course, 5 study in course book; Mrs. J. C. Boyd, Leader; Alton McKenzie, President. Tylertown, Senior, 24; Thelma Ball, President; Intermediate 41; Dixie Quin, President; Junior, 32; Loyd Simmons, President; 60 giving systematically.

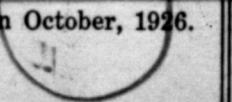
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HISTORICAL

Time	Place	Moderator	Clerk	Treasurer	Preacher
1914	Tylertown	J. B. Quinn	W. W. Bullock	J. D. Thornhill	Organization
1915	Crystal Springs	J. B. Quinn	W. W. Bullock	J. D. Thornhill	J. B. Quinn
1916	Salem	J. B. Quinn	W. W. Bullock	J. D. Thornhill	W. A. Murray
1917	Centerville	A. F. Davis	W. W. Bullock	J. D. Thornhill	T. J. Moore
1918	Knoxo	A. F. Davis	W. W. Bullock	J. D. Thornhill	W. A. Murray
1919	Enon	A. F. Davis	W. B. Dunaway	J. D. Thornhill	P. I. Lipsay
1920	Mesa	A. F. Davis	W. B. Dunaway	J. D. Thornhill	J. B. Quinn
1921	New Zion	A. F. Davis	W. B. Dunaway	J. D. Thornhill	A/F. Davis
1922	Smyrna	A. F. Davis	D. N. Beard	J. D. Thornhill	W. A. Roper
1923	Magee's Creek	A. F. Davis	D. N. Beard	J. D. Thornhill	C. T. Corkern
1924	Union	A. F. Davis	D. N. Beard	J. D. Thornhill	J. A. Greene

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Church Membership

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CLERKS AND
POSTOFFICES

CLERKS AND POSTOFFICES		PASTORS AND POSTOFFICES		CHURCHES		REGULAR DAYS OF Meeting		MEMBERS PRESENT	
Centerville	C. T. Corkern	C. B. Smith	C. B. Smith	Centerville	2 & 4	34	2	221	
Crystal Springs	W. A. Roper, Tylertown	B. E. Patten, Tylertown	W. A. Roper, Tylertown	Crystal Springs	1 & 3	19	3	290	
Enon	L. A. Greene, Jayess	W. B. Dunaway, Vernia	L. A. Greene, Jayess	Enon	2 & 4	11	5	281	
Knox	W. A. Roper, Tylertown	F. M. Fortenberry, Tylertown	W. A. Roper, Tylertown	Knox	2 & 4	11	5	124	
Lexie	New Church	J. D. Thornhill, Tylertown	J. D. Thornhill, Tylertown	Lexie	3	10	2	216	
Magee's Creek	J. E. Hemphill, Lexie	J. T. Wes, Thornhill, Tylertown	J. E. Hemphill, Lexie	Magee's Creek	1 & 4	16	2	230	
Mesa	V. C. Walker, Kokomo	E. H. Fortenberry, Tylertown	V. C. Walker, Kokomo	Mesa	1 & 4	9	4	343	
New Zion	C. T. Corkern, Tylertown	J. W. McKenzie, Tylertown	C. T. Corkern, Tylertown	New Zion	1 & 4	14	1	212	
Salem	V. C. Walker, Kokomo	G. T. Pigott, Tylertown	V. C. Walker, Kokomo	Salem	2	1	4	147	
Smyrna	A. F. Davis, Tylertown	O. D. Simmons, Tylertown	A. F. Davis, Tylertown	Smyrna	Full 19	17	33	223	
Tylertown	W. A. Roper, Tylertown	J. L. Simmons, Tylertown	W. A. Roper, Tylertown	Tylertown	2	14	4	2	
Union				Union	2	14	3	2	

WALTHALL COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

TABLE No. 2

CHURCHES TREASURERS AND POSTOFFICES	Parsonage Salaries	Other Salaries	Other Buildings and Equipment	Help Ministerial	Help Local Poor	Help Sunday School, B. Y. P. U.	Printing Minutes and Publicity	Other Objects
H. M. Smith, Tylertown.....	\$ 400.00	\$ 34.40	\$ 101.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 9.53		
L. I. Pigott, Tylertown.....	350.00		12.30	24.00	48.75	72.16		
W. H. Roberts, Verna.....	500.00			14.50	4.15	10.75		
F. M. Fortenberry, Tylertown	150.00							197.25
Lexie.....								
J. D. Thornhill, Tylertown.....	200.00		185.35	41.10	79.00	17.00		
Jesse O'Quin, Mesa.....	132.00							
Magee's Creek.....	500.00							
Mesa.....	200.00							
New Zion.....	64.65							
Salem.....	180.00							
Smyrna.....	14.45							
Tylertown.....	2,000.00	180.00	54.30	460.93	255.00	203.26	5.00	355.07
Union.....	200.00	31.24			50.00	18.00	5.00	

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PASTORS AND
POSTOFFICES

CHURCHES

	CLERKS AND POSTOFFICES	REGULAR DAYS OF MEETING	MEMBERS TOTAL PRESENT
Centerville	C. T. Corkern	2 & 4	34 2 39
Crystal Springs	W. A. Roper, Tyertown	1 & 3	19 3 5
Ehon	J. A. Greene, Jayess	2 & 4	11 5 10
Knox	W. A. Roper, Tyertown	4	2 3 5
Lexie	New Church	4	11 5 124
Macee's Creek	J. B. Hemphill, Lexie	3	10 2 2 1 216
Mesa	V. C. Walker, Kokomo	4	16 2 4 1 230
New Zion	C. T. Corkern, Tyertown	1 & 3	9 4 22 1 343
Salem	V. C. Walker, Kokomo	1	14 4 1 4 212
Smyrna	A. F. Davis, Tyertown	2	1 4 2 147
Tyertown	W. A. Roper, Tyertown	Full 19 17	33 2 2 451
Union	W. A. Roper, Tyertown	2 14 4	3 2 2 234

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CHURCHES		TREASURERS AND POSTOFFICES		Other Objects	
H. M. Smith	Tylertown	H. M. Smith	Tylertown	Help for Local Poor	\$ B. Y. P. U.
L. I. Pigott	Tylertown	L. I. Pigott	Tylertown	Printing Minutes and Sunday School.	\$ 20.00
W. H. Roberts	Verna	W. H. Roberts	Verna	Help Minsterial	8 9.63
F. M. Fortenberry	Tylertown	F. M. Fortenberry	Tylertown	Help Minsterial	8 72.16
J. D. Thornhill	Tylertown	J. D. Thornhill	Tylertown	Help Minsterial	8 10.75
Jesse O'Quin	Mesa	Jesse O'Quin	Mesa	Help Minsterial	8 19.72
M. E. Pigott	Tylertown	M. E. Pigott	Tylertown	Help Minsterial	8 14.50
Seab Ginn	Tylertown	Seab Ginn	Tylertown	Help Minsterial	8 4.15
C. L. Fortenberry	Tylertown	C. L. Fortenberry	Tylertown	Help Minsterial	8 18.00
J. C. Rimes	Tylertown	J. C. Rimes	Tylertown	Help Minsterial	8 50.00
H. M. Stewart	Tylertown	H. M. Stewart	Tylertown	Help Minsterial	8 18.00
Centerville				Rebuilding and	
Crystal Springs				Incidentals	
Enon				Salaries	
Knoxo				Post Office	
Lexie				Salaried	
Magee's Creek				Post Office	
Mesa				Salaries	
New Zion				Salaries	
Salem				Salaries	
Smyrna				Salaries	
Tylertown				Salaries	
Union				Salaries	

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SPECIAL CAMPAIGN OR BENEVOLENCE TREASURERS AND POST OFFICES	
	REGULAR \$5 MILLION CAMPAIGN FUNDS (UNDesignated)
B. B. Holmes, Lexie	\$ 357.57
I. L. Pigott, Tylertown	258.75
F. M. Fortenberry, Tylertown	158.00
J. D. Thornhill, Tylertown	.....
B. B. Breeland, Tylertown	80.00
B. M. Pittman, Tylertown	46.00
D. W. Boyd, Tylertown	374.75
J. D. Bearden, Holmesville	164.00
H. A. Scott, Tylertown	66.00
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TABLE No. 3

CHURCHES	SUPERINTENDENTS AND POSTOFFICES	SECRETARIES AND POSTOFFICES		Officers and Teachers Enrolled	Average Attended
		Total	Average Ansce		
Centerville.....	B. B. Holmes, Lexie.....	Mrs. C. C. Deere, Tylertown.....	69	69	69
Crystal Springs.....	I. I. Pigott, Tylertown.....	Addison Magee, Tylertown.....	8	175	69
Enon.....	Joe Cothen, Verna.....	Addie Lee Gullege, Jayess.....	10	158	113
Knoxo.....	F. M. Fortenberry, Tylertown.....	Wilder Brumfield, Tylertown.....	6	30	.....
Lexie.....	New Church.....	Neva Magee, Kokomo.....	8	90	60
Magee's Creek.....	J. D. Thornhill, Tylertown.....	Mrs. Bill Dier, Mesa.....	.....	45	.....
Mesa.....	J. H. Crawford, Tylertown.....	Lampton Davis.....	11	126	52
New Zion.....	Marcus Pigott, Tylertown.....	Ethel Andrews, Tylertown.....	9	128	98
Salem.....	Z. C. Rushing, Tylertown.....	Adalena Tate, Tylertown.....	7	45	30
Smyrna.....	G. T. Pigott, Tylertown.....	M. E. Nettles, Tylertown.....	17	310	135
Tylertown.....	J. C. Rimes, Tylertown.....	W. S. Stewart, Tylertown.....	7	110	75
Union.....					

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TABLE No. 4

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Organizations, Presidents, Counselors or Leaders, and Postoffices	Woman's Societies	Total Contributions to \$15 Million Campaign	Total Contributions to Special Benevolences
Mrs. C. T. Corkern, Tylertown.....	1	\$200.60	388.85
Mrs. J. D. Pittman, Tylertown.....	1	.....	63.28
Mrs. Bettie Wallace, Jayess.....	1	.....	.....
Mrs. F. M. Fortenberry, Tylertown.....	1	.....	.....
Mrs. D. N. Beard, Tylertown.....	2	.....	.....
Mrs. W. T. Simmons, Tylertown.....	1	.....	.....
Mrs. C. T. Corkern, Tylertown.....	1	112.10	42.50
Mrs. J. C. Boyd, Tylertown.....	1	40.00	172.00
Mrs. J. H. Tate, Tylertown.....	1	1.60	1.90
Mrs. L. S. Quin, Tylertown.....	1	793.75	105.25
Mrs. Carrie Hinson, Tylertown.....	1

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